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1. NYT (PAGE 1) HEADLINE "U.S. BACKS TACTICAL ATOM ARMS AGAINST A SOVIET PUSH IN EUROPE" BY BERNARD GWERTZMAN, DATELINE WASHINGTON. DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER HAS TOLD CONGRESS THAT A CONVENTIONAL SOVIET-LED ATTACK AGAINST WESTERN EUROPE MAY FORCE U.S. TO USE BATTLE-FIELD NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO AVOID DEFEAT. HE SAID EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO INSURE AN ATOMIC RETALIATION WAS DEFENSIVE TO REDUCE RISK OF ALL-OUT NUCLEAR WAR.

2. CSM (PAGE 1) HEADLINE "WHY CHINA LEAKED RUMORS OF SOVIET BASES IN VIETNAM." PENTAGON INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS ARE INCREASINGLY APPREHENSIVE ABOUT REPORTS THAT SOVIETS ARE SEEKING BASE RIGHTS IN VIETNAM AND SOME STATE DEPT ANALYSTS SPECULATE CHINA FLOATED REPORT TO PREVENT SUCH AGREEMENT IN THE FUTURE. POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS OF SUCH A DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE SERIOUS. INGERSOLL

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